

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In the application of :** Sparks, Adrian  
**Serial No. :** 09/745,890  
**Filed :** December 21, 2000  
**For :** Load Sharing Nodes in a Network Utilising Shared Optical Protection  
**Examiner :** Tran, Dzung D  
**Art Unit :** 2633  
**Customer number :** 23644

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 29, 2008**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir,

Applicants file herewith a full response to the non Final Office Action mailed January 29, 2008, in connection with the above referenced application.